

Minutes

Special Board Meeting: April

Date: Thursday-April 23, 2026

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location(s): 606 Central Ave SW Albuquerque, NM 87102, NM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** (in accordance with the Open Meetings Act)

Board Chair Salinas called the special board meeting to order at 4:06 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

2. **ROLL CALL** 5 minutes

 X Julianna (Jules) Salinas, Board Chair, Executive & Audit Committee, Parent
 X Kelly Callahan, Vice Chair, Executive & Audit Committee
 X Sharde McClure Robinson, Board Secretary
 No Angelica Maestas, Entrepreneurial Committee
 No Theresa Torres, Entrepreneurial Committee
 X Janel Salazar, Board Member, Parent

 X Quorum

3. **Action: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

a. **MOTION:** To approve April Special Board Meeting Agenda

A motion was made to approve the April Special Board Meeting Agenda by Kelly. The motion was seconded by Jules and approved unanimously.

4. **Public Input** (capped at 3 minutes per public member or 15 minutes total)

No public input was received.

5. **Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Presentation**

a. [2026 Budget Packet](#)

Chris presented the FY26-27 budget. The total proposed budget is \$14,692,380, including \$13,018,000 in projected revenue and approximately \$1.6 million in projected cash carryover.

Despite a 3.5% statewide unit value increase, the school projects a 23% overall funding increase driven primarily by enrollment growth.

Key highlights included:

- *Increased SEG funding due to projected enrollment growth and Teacher Cost Index adjustment*
- *Increased capital funding (HB33 and SB9)*
- *Higher insurance costs associated with enrollment growth*
- *Strategic allocation for staff special education licensure (LEAP program)*
- *Establishment of a \$2M reserve toward a potential building purchase*
- *Projected fund balance growth through FY27*

Discussion:

Board members discussed the legal services allocation, Title IV funding, and the LEAP licensure program.

- *The board confirmed the current legal budget allocation of \$60,000 is sufficient under the existing contract.*
- *Clarification was provided on the use of Title IV funds for technology and student support.*
- *Administration provided additional detail on the structure and timeline of the LEAP program.*

Kelly also noted for the record that 2% of SEG funding is allocated to APS as the authorizer fee.

6. Consent Agenda & Board Discussion Items

a. [2026 Budget](#)

Action: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda item a

Kelly made the following motion:

“I’m going to go ahead and make a motion to approve the FY27 budget for Siembra contingent on any changes from PED or APS, including approval of salary schedules and calendar.”

Jules seconded the motion.

Board Chair Salinas called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

- *Jules Salinas – Aye*
- *Kelly Callahan – Aye*



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- *Sharde McClure Robinson – Aye*
- *Janel Salazar – Aye*

Hearing no dissent and having quorum, the motion carries unanimously.

10. Items for Future Agendas (Board Chair)

- a. Facilities (monthly)
- b. Policy Work (monthly)

11. Upcoming Board Meetings (Board Chair)

- a. May Board Meeting: Wednesday, 5/6/2026 @ 4 PM
- b. April Entrepreneurial Committee Meeting: 5/19/26 @ 4pm
- c. April Finance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 4/29/2026 @ Noon
- d. Executive Committee Meeting for May 6 Board: Rescheduled to Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Salinas moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

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